Two Great Armies Meet Near Mukden.

Overwhelming Disaster for One of Them, Probably Russia.

Kuropatkin's Position Is Most Des perate and Nearly Every Chance Is Against Him.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 6.-The result of the greatest battle of modern times is expected to be determined today or tomorrow.

Two of the largest armies of recent times, both in men and guns, are now locked in a death struggle, and although Gen. Kuropatkin has evidently made every preparation to cover his retreat by removing his accumulated stores and munitions northward, it is now the opinion of military men here that one side or the other cannot escape overwhelming disaster.

In Desperate Straits.

With both wings bent backward Kuropatkin's position appears to be desperate, but the issue is still in the balance. News of a victory for him is only regarded as possible by his breaking through the enveloping lines, and news of a concentrated offensive is hourly awaited. Unless Kuropatkin can strike and strike hard it is realized that he

Strategy Now Clear,

Field Marshal Oyama's strategy in this battle is now clear. He startled and amazed the War office by the mar-velous daring of Gen. Kuroki's advance against the extreme Russian left and the series of blows delivered at the cen-ter where no less than thirteen separate attacks have been launched by the im-perial guards ten miles east of Poutiloff perial guards ten miles east of Poutiloff hill. But it is now realized that the heavy blows at the left were intended to mask the real turning movement, which came like a bolt from a clear sky out of the west.

Falls Into a Trap.

Kuropatkin fell into the trap. The situation seemed an exact duplicate of that at Liao Yang and the Russian Commander-in-Chief hastened to mass forces to meet Kuroki. Friday the whole situation was suddenly reversed when with lightning rapidity the Japanese furning nese turning operation began on the plain between the Hun and Lino rivers. In order to succeed Oyama threw the neutrality of China to the winds.

Port Arthur Veterans.

Gen. Nogl with his Port Arthur vet-erans moved up the right bank of the Hun and fell like an avalanche upon the weakened Russian right, doubling it back in confusion, the Japanese ad-vance being co-ordinated with the ad-vance straight from the west of a Japa-nese column, 40,000 men, which circu-lated around or through Chinese neu-tral territory. tral territory.

tral territory.

Although rumors of the presence of the latter column westward of Mukden were circulated as long ago as Tuesday Kuropatkin evidently was taken by surprise, positively refusing to believe that the Japanese would thus openly fling Chinese neutrality to the winds At any rate, it was not until Saturday night, that he was able to shift sufficient reinforcements west to stem the tide when the Japanese were within sign of Mudkden

Brown Men Exhausted.

But the latest advices are to the effect that the Japanese, exhausted by their tremendous efforts, have every-where stopped and now if ever Kuropatkin's hour has come.

The Japanese lines are extended over sixty miles, while Kuropatkin's are constantly contracting. Besides he has the advantage for the offensive of operating in the interior of his line. rating in the interior of his lines.

Opinion of Critica. Military critics declare Oyama has not got enough superiority to take risks. According to the War office. Oyama has not over 70,000 men in excess of Kuropatkin, whose forces total about 340,000. Should Oyama succeed the critics declare that he will prove himself to be a master of military science and establish a reputation for military schence and establish a reputation for military genius of the first magnitude. But unless he can completely crush Kuropatkin's right they say Oyama is in imminent danger of having his own left cut off and destroyed.

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Honest TEA Paris Bourse Strong.

PARIS March 6-The tone on the bourse today was strong, peace views being entertained in regard to the war in the far East.

says, is an opportune offensive, as pas sive resistance would be fatal.

BATTLE A TERRIFIC ONE.

It Raged Ceaselessly All Day of Sun-

MUKDEN, March 6.—All day long the battle raged ceaselessly. The Japanese have concentrated their nergies on Machiapu, for the poes of which they have been struggling for two days, but with all their gallantry, the Japanese were unable to dislodge the Russians, who are clinging to their works

with buildog tenacity.

Japanese shrapnel has been bursting within a mile and a half of the Hun river

within a mile and a half of the Hun river railway bridge, which evidently is the Japanese objective.

A ferce and continuous artillery fire is taking place about four miles north of Machiapu. From the Hun bridge along the line of batle is stretched in both directions as far as the eye can see.

Northwest to Tatchekiao and eastward along the Shakhe river it is marked by a line of bursting shells.

Russian Losses.

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The Russian losses are not excessive, considering the severity of the five days fighting. The Japanese, as the attackers, have suffered heavier than the Russians. A decision in the battle should be reached tomorrow or Tuesday.

At 4:30 this afternion guns began to roar to the north and northwest of the Mukden station, where Gen. Kuropatkin is launching an attack against the Japanese extreme left. During last night the Japanese repeatedly assaulted Pienchlapudgu, Katou pass and Kantayen, farther east, but all their efforts were unavailing. ing.
The bombardment of Erdagou, Novgorod and Poutiloff hills continues unsuc-

An official report in the Army Messen ger says, "The southern position is un-changed so far as Shakhe."

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After acknowledging that the Central army had fallen back from Sinchinpu, in order to contract the length of the line of battle connecting the inner positions, the Army Messenger adds:

"The spirits of the men are excellent. Marvelous composure is being displayed, considering the approaching crisis."

The paper admits the Russian losses are heavy, but says the battle is going on successfully. All the roads leading from Machiapu and the western plain, which has suddenly been invaded by the battle, are crowded with Chinese refugees.

Opposite Poutlioft hill the Russians are reported to have captured two machine guns.

The Kidneys and the Skin.

In the spring the kidneys have much to do. If they are weak or torpid, they will not do it well, and the skin will be pimply or blotchy. That is telling the story in a few words.

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President Names His Official Family

All Members of Cabinet Are Renominated Save Wynne, Cortelyou Succeeding Him.

WASHINGTON, March 6-The Presttent sent a large number of nominations o the Senate today, including all the members of the present Cabinet except Postmaster-General Wynne. Mr. George B. Cortelyou was nominated for that office. The nominations include the names heretofore announced as Embassadors and Senator Cockrell as Interstate Commerce commissioner. The nominations

Members of the Cabinet.

John Hay, District of Columbia, Secre-tary of State. Leslie M. Shaw, Iowa, Secretary of the William H. Taft, Ohio, Secretary of William H. Moody, Massachusetts, At-

torney-General.
George Bruce Cortelyou, New York,
Postmaster-General.
Paul Morton, Illinois, Secretary of the Navy Ethan A. Hitchcock, Missouri, Secre-tary of the Interior James Wilson, Iowa, Secretary of Ag-

Victor H. Metcalfe, California, Secre-tary of Commerce and Labor. Embassadors Extraordinary.

Whitelaw Reid, New York, to Great Britain; Rollert S. McCormick, Illinois, to France; George V. L. Meyer, Massachu-setts, to Russia; Edwin H. Conger, Iowa, to Mexico; Henry White, Rhode Island, to Italy.

Envoys Extraordinary.

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William Woodville Rockhill, District of Columbia, to China; David J. Hill, New York, to the Netherlands; Henry Lane Wilson, Washington, to Belgium; William Miller Collier, New York, to Spain; Brutus J Clay, Kentucky, to Switzerland; Thomas J. O'Brien, Michigan, to Denmark; Charles H. Graves, Minnesota, to Sweden and Norway; Edward C. O'Brien, New York, to Paraguay and Uruguay; John B. Jackson, New Jersey, to Greece and Montenegro, and diplomatic agent to Bulgaria; John W. Riddie, Minnesota, to Roumania and Servia; Samuel R. Gummere, New Jersey, to Morocco.

Solicitor Department of Commerce and Labor—Edward Waller Sims, Illinois, Altorney for the Northern district of California—Bobert T. Deviln, California, District Judges—Joseph V. Quarles, Eastern district of Wisconsin; James Wickersham, Alaska, division No. 3, District of Alaska.

Consul-Generals—Robert J. Wynne, Pennsylvania, at London, Eng.; Frank Mason, Ohio, at Paris, France; Alexander H. Thackara, Pennsylvania, at Berlin, Germany; Hoffmann Philip, New York, at Tangier, Morocco; Thomas Sammons, Washington, at Niuchwang, China; Stanley Stoner, Missouri at Calcutta, India; Henry R. Miller, Oregon, at Yokohama, Japan; J. Linn Rogers, Ohio, at Shanghai, China; George W. Roosewelt, Pennsylvania, at Brussels, Belgium.

PASSED UPON BY COURT.

Several Decisions Handed Down by U.

S. Court of Appeals. SAN FRANCISCO, March 6 .- In the ease of the Tyree Consolidated Mining company vs. Ernst Langstedt, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals today reversed the judgment, and the case was

structions to enter judgment for the

remanded to the lower court, with in-

plaintiff.

The court also affirmed the decree of the District court in the case of the Connor Trading and Transportation company vs. J. N. Widmer.

The Transportation company took a contract to ship nineteen horses from Seattle to Skagway for Widmer, but there was delay and Widmer claimed damages, which the lower court awarded to the amount of \$3500 and \$779 interest.

COLORADO HAS A SENSATION

State Senator Makes Grave Charge.

Declares That an Attempt Was Made to Bribe Him.

Men Whom He Accuses of Making the Tender Are Unusually Prominent.

DENVER, March 6.-A committee was ppointed today by the General Assembly of Colorado to investigate charges of oribery in the contest for the Governor Charges have been made and published in the local newspapers to the effeet that a fund had been raised by corporations and was being used to purchase votes for James H. Peabody, who seeks the office held by Alva Adams, but no notice of them was taken by the Gen-eral Assembly. Today immediately after the joint convention, which is hear ing arguments in the contest, was called to order, Senator W. Morgan, Republican, of Boulder, strode down the aisle holding aloft a paper, which he handed to the presiding officer, and which was read to the Assembly by a clerk at the request of the writer. This communication was as follows

Charge of Bribery.

To Jesse F. McDonald, as President of the Senate and as presiding officer of the joint convention of the Fifteenth General Assem-bly: convention of the Fifteenth General Assembly:

Sir:—I have to inform you that on the 2nd day of March, 1995, one James M. Herbert and Pantel Sullivan offered and promised to pay the undereigned the sum of \$1500 to vote for the Hon. Alva Adams for Governor in the contest now pending before this joint convention. Of this sum-said James M. Herbert paid the sum of \$750. This money I have given to George Stidger, District Attorney for the city and county of Denver, for his official use. I have also given to him such information as he requires in his official capacity. I also desire to lay the matter before the people of the State, the Senate and the joint convention, as it affects the question now pending before this convention. (Signed)

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Silence fell upon the joint convention for several minutes after the reading of Senator Morgan's statement. Then Representative B. J. O'Connell. a Democrat, expressed surprise that the member of the Republican majority apparently did not propose to take any action on the charges, and he moved that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to make a thorough investigation of the whole matter and report before a vote is taken in the contest. After brief debate, in which several Republicans joined in the demand for an investigation, the motion was unanimously carried Lieut-Gov. McDonald named Senator Cornforth and Representative Sherwin and Bromley (Republicans) and Senator Bailinger and Representative O'Connell (Democrats), as the investigating committee. The committee organized this afternoon by electing Senator Cornforth chairman, and began an investigation this evening.

Who Alleged Bribers Are.

James M. Herbert, whom Senator Morgan charged with having given him 750 as a bribe, is vice-president and general manager of the Colorado & Southern railroad and stands in the foremost ranks of railroad officials in the United States. Daniel Suilivan, who is accused by the Senator of having offered the alleged bribe, is postmaster of Cripple Creek, and one of the most prominent Republican workers in this State.

Eight Informations Filed

Eight informations charging bribery and conspiracy were filed against Messrs. Herbert and Sullivan in the criminal court by District Attorney George M. Stidger almost simultaneously with the springing of the sensation in the joint convention by Senstor Morgan Bonds for \$5000 each were furnished by the accused men.

men.
District Attorney Stidger said in explanation of the promptness with which he was able to act that the matter had been brought to his attention last Saturday by Senator Morgan.

What Herbert Says.

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Mr. Herbert issued the following statement: "Mr. Morgan came to my rooms in the Brown Palace hotel last Thursday with Mr. Daniel Sullivan. Mr. Morgan stated that he and his people were for the seating of Mr. Adams, that Boulder county had gone for Mr. Adams and the laboring people in his section of the State were for Mr. Adams, and he had told them he would vote for Mr. Adams and that he had told Gov. Adams the same thing; that the pressure was so great from the Peabody people that they might drive him out of the State if he did not vote with them, as they were brow-beating and buil-dozing many Republican members of the Legislature and making threats against them in business and in politics, that he was convinced the Peabody people had no case.

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"Mr. Morgan stated that he had been offered \$3000 by Peabody people and he ought to have \$3000 if he stood by Adams and incurred the enmity of the Peabody people. I told him that I would not pay any member of the Legislature to vote one way or the other in the Governorship contest. Mr. Morgan was very insistent and finally said he would take \$1500. I absolutely refused to have anything to do with him and he went away. Mr. Sulli van was present during the entire conversation.

J. M. HERBERT."

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"Senator Morgan approached me several days ago," raid Postmaster Sullivan, "and told me in the presence of witnesses that he was anxious to vote for Gov. Adams, because Peabody had failed to make a case. I told him that I had always believed he was tled up to the Peabody side, but he vehemently denied the charge. He pleaded with me to take him to Mr. Herbert and while I suspected that he was not honest with us. I could see no harm in permitting him to have a talk with Mr. Herbert. Fortunately, I was in the room during the conversation and heard him solicit the bribe and Mr. Herbert emphatically declined to consider it."

Adams Don't Believe Charges

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"I do not believe the charges," Governor Adams said in reply to a question, "and I believe that they are made simply as part of the programme. Senator Morgan came in to see me of his own accord on March 2, the day on which he says a bribe was offered him, and he volunteered the information that he would vote for me.

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"I thanked him for his vote and he said that he was convinced that I was honestly elected and entitled to the vote."

This afternoen Postmaster Sullivan assaulted Richard Broad a Peabody worker on the stroet, striking him in the face with his fist. Several bystanders interfered, preventing further hostilities. Sullivan says that Broad and other lobbists instigated Morgan to make the charges for the purpose of influencing legislators.

Another Investigation Ordered.

Just before adjournment this afternoon the General Assembly adopted a resolu-tion instructing the committee appointed to investigate Senator Morgan's charges to investigate likewise the charges of bribery that have been published in the

SAVING TIMBER LANDS.

Two and a Half Million Acres Revert to Uncle Sam.

WASHINGTON, March 6.-Two and one-half million acres of timber land will be saved to the Government by the operation of a short act, to which Presilent Roosevelt affixed his signature during the last moments of the Fifty-eighth Congress. The act prohibits the selection of timber lands in exchange for lands which have been included within forest reserves. It was in 1897 that the lieu was enacted. It had no restrictions, simply entitling persons holding lands in for-est reserves to make selections eise-where in exchange for their forest re-serve lands. In 1800 these lieu selections were limited to surveyed lands.

Since the passage of these acts, nearly 2,000,000 acres of forest reserve lands have been exchanged for other lands, and almost universally has the exchange been made for timbered lands outside of forest reserves. Nearly half of this land so exchanged is owned by the land grant railroads.

railroads.

A report to Congress from the Commissioner of the General Land offices place the amount of lands still held by these roads in forest reserves at two and one half million acres, and the provision in the act in question, that hereafter lier selections must be made from untimbered lands is calculated to save just that much timbered land which is calculated. timbered land which is outside of f

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ELECTION CONTEST.

Assembly in Joint Convention Listens to Lawyers' Arguments.

DENVER, March 6.-The General Assembly of Colorado, in joint convention today, listened to the arguments of attorneys for Governor Alva Adams in defense of his title to the office which he holds and for which former Governor James H. Peabody is contesting. Argument by the attorneys on both sides will be concluded tomorrow and beginning Wednesday morning the reports from the committee which neard the evidence in the contest will be discussed by members of the General Assembly under a rule limiting each member to ten minutes. The contest will be finally decided some time this week.

Milton Smath, chairman of the Democratic State committee, made the opening address on behalf of Adams today and was followed by Samuel W. Belford, each speaking one hour. torneys for Governor Alva Adams in de-

Young Plumber Drowned. ALAMEDA, Cal., March 6 - Affred O'Brine, a young plumber, while with a boating party in the estuary today, fell from his boat and was stunde by striking his head against the anchor of a schooner and drowned.

Chief of Police Killed. BYELOATOK Poland, March 6.—District Chief of Police Jeletschin was shot and killed today while attempting to disperse a crowd of workmen, who had mei cutside the town.

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BIG STEAMSH P AGROUND.

City of Seattle Loses Course and Runs Into Mud Bank.

BELLINGHAM, Wash, March 6.-With er nose fast in the soft mud of the beach at the mouth of Squallcum creek, the passenger steamer City of Scattle is being relieved of her cargo in the hope that she may be floated with the high tide. When running intl this port early today the vessel, bound from Seattle to Vancouver, lost her course through some misunderstanding of signals and ran aground more than a mile northwest of her wharf. Most of the passengers were asleep. They were quickly awakened and taken ashere with the aid of two summoned. The dam tuga which were sum age is probably slight.

Council of War Not Held.

ST FETERSBURG, March 6-The extraor-dinary session of the council of war which was to have been held today did not take place. It is said Emperor Nicholas himself has declied the question arising from the dis-mits between Gen. Gripenberg and Gen. Kuro-mits between Gen. Gripenberg and Gen. Kuro-

No Change in Missouri.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 6.—No result was accomplished in the joint bal-lot today for United States Senator, the vote being: Niedringhaus 52; Cockrell, 63; Kerens, 15; McKinley, 5; Kirkham, 1

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON. March 6.-Today's state-ment of the Treasury belances in the genera-fund, exclusive of the \$150,900,000 gold reserve in the division of refemption shows. Available cash balance. \$143,079,472; gold. \$55,100,324

Patrolling Red Sea.

ADEN, Arabia March 6-A Russian warship is reported to be patrolling the center of the Red sea. She has been turning her scarchlights on passing vessels

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